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| Title: | Apparatus and Method for Sealing a Bag | Group Art Unit: 3721 |

AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action of June 4, 2004, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 7 of this paper.